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PATENT APPLICATION

Applicants : Michael R. Hale et al.
Application No. : 10/613,650 Confirmation No. : 4616
Filed : July 2, 2003
For : INHIBITORS OF ASPARTYL PROTEASE
Group Art Unit : 1625
Examiner : Charanjit Aulakh

Palo Alto, CA 94301
May 8, 2006

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Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the December 8, 2005 Office Action in the above-identified application. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17(a)(4) to extend the time for replying for a period of four months up to and including May 8, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.